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Update regarding tragic fire – Gabrielle Roy Place

NEWS @ A GLANCE:

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(for more details, please read the full media release below)

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MEDIA RELEASE:

WINNIPEG February 5, 2007 - At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2007, members of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) responded to a fire in a two-storey house at 15 Gabrielle Roy Place.

Tragically, while fighting this fire, six WFPS members were injured, two fatally. Of the injured, two have been treated and released from hospital, one is in stable condition, and one is in critical condition at this time.

The names of the members involved in this incident are not being released at this time, as there are special complicating circumstances affecting notification of family.

"This is a very tragic and difficult time for the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and for the city as a whole," said Acting Fire & Paramedic Chief Jim Brennan. "Day in and day out, members work to keep citizens safe and to protect lives and property. Last night, two of our finest made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty."

"I would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our firefighters and paramedics on scene last evening, as well as the work of the staff at our city hospitals," continued Chief Brennan. "At this time, our priority is to provide support to each other and to the families of our colleagues while we continue to provide exceptional emergency services to the citizens of Winnipeg."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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